

By: Rhonda Boyles, Mayor
Introduced: 09/12/02

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-71

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

WHEREAS, all children and youth in our community require many developmental assets to achieve success in school, thrive in their personal relationships and contribute in a positive way to the community; and

WHEREAS, positive and caring relationships provided by adults contribute to the development of assets in children and youth; and

WHEREAS, asset development is an ongoing process which begins at birth and continues throughout childhood, adolescence and into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, research by the Search Institute reveals most young people experience only about 18 of the 40 developmental assets needed to grow up as healthy, caring, and successful in their community; and

WHEREAS, a consistent body of resiliency research indicates that youth who have many assets engage in more health promoting behaviors, achieve more academic success and engage in fewer risky or unhealthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, asset development is best accomplished when every community member commits to providing a "personal community" around every child, consisting of no fewer than five caring adults who are intentionally engaged in their lives; and

WHEREAS, building assets requires consistent expectations and boundaries in the community, reinforced by families, schools, congregations, youth serving organizations and individual community members; and

WHEREAS, asset building celebrates and builds upon what our community already offers children and youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough supports the efforts of families, community members, schools, faith communities and youth serving organizations to advocate for a community of promise for all children and youth where all youth have many developmental assets.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2002.

Hank Bartos
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mona Lisa Drexler, CMC
Municipal Borough Clerk